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In re Application of:

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For: **System for Storing and Unpacking Encased Articles**

Art Unit: **3724**

Examiner: **Ghassem Alie**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

By Office Action mailed on August 15, 2008, the Examiner restricted the prosecution of the above-identified application to one the following groups:

Group I      Claims 1, 3-5 and 8-9, drawn to a system for storing and opening enclosed articles

Group II      Claim 7, drawn to a method of providing and opening encased article

Group III      Claims 10-16, drawn to a sealed-cutting apparatus

Applicant elects to prosecute the claims of Group III (10-16), without traverse.